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PREVENTING, AND TREATING
RENAL DISORDERS BY
MODULATING, REGULATING, AND
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GROWTH FACTOR

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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Sir:

Applicants respectfully request a two-month extension of time of the period for response to the Notice To Comply mailed 20 December 2000, allowing Applicants until 20 March 2001 to respond.

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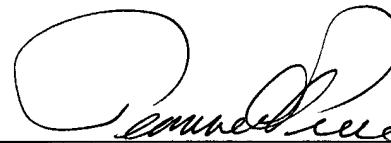
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Respectfully submitted,

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